

(a) whether the Ministry have received representations regarding avenues of advancement in the Store Department of the Diesel Locomotives Works, Varanasi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action being taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) and (b). No specific representation regarding avenue of advancement has been received. However, a demand for creation of new category of principal Depot Store Keeper in scale Rs. 2375-3500 was raised in the Staff Council Meeting of DLW in September, 1991. The demand included upgradation of 85% of posts of Ward Keepers as Depot Store Keeper Gr I & II.

(c) The demand was discussed and not found feasible of acceptance.

[Translation]

Halt of Shatabdi Express at Sonapat and Panipat

1829. SHRI DHARAMPAL SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to stop Shatabdi Express running from Kalka to New Delhi at Sonapat and Panipat stations in view of industrial importance of these stations; and

(b) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

Administration of Suburban and Mainline Sections

1830. SHRI RAM NAIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply given on August 20, 1991 to Unstarred Question No. 3434 regarding income and expenditure of Central and Western Railways and state the details of parameters for segregating common expenditure and earnings on suburban and mainline section?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): The segregation of common revenue working expenses between the suburban and mainline sections is based on the output of traffic units computed in terms of Gross Tonne Kilometers, Train Kilometers and related utilisation of manpower and assets like, terminals, track, signalling and telecommunication and overhead equipments etc., in the form of depreciation and interest. Earnings from suburban services are maintained separately.

Air Flights Between India and U.S.A

1831. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the American Delta Airlines has been allowed to operate its flights from India;

(b) if so, the number of flights permitted, their frequency and the terms and conditions therefor;

(c) whether all these flights will operate from Bombay to U.S.A or Europe

(d) whether before granting permission, any assessment was made about its impact